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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 7/10/02.

This action is final.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 12, 17, and 23 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 7/10/02, claims 1, 4, 8-10, 13-15, 17, and 22 were amended.

The present title of the invention is "Method and Apparatus for Selecting Attachments" as filed originally.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borman et al (U.S. patent 5,890,172) in view of Yohanan (U.S. patent 5,737,560).

As per claim 1, Borman et al., hereinafter Borman, teach the following subject matter:

a browsing mechanism, with browser interface 400, at figures 5A-5C, and column 7, lines 52-53, configured to render a current data resource, i.e., a file retrieved by the

browser, and to navigate through plural data resources, using the Back 412, Forward, and Home 414 buttons; and

an attachment mechanism, using jumper window 300, at figure 3, configured to retrieve an attachment from the browser in response to a user event, i.e., by selecting a hot-link with a mouse, at column 6, lines 55-60, the attachment associated with the current data resource, since the "hot-links are extracted from a file initially retrieved by the browser".

Regarding claim 1, Borman describes that in another embodiment, "the user will be able to invoke the product from within their electronic e-mail box simply by double-clicking on attached files" at column 12, lines 62-64. However, Borman does not specifically teach attaching the attachment to an e-mail message. Nor does Borman specifically teach a selection mechanism to select a portion of a current document for attachment to an e-mail message.

On the other hand, Yohanan teaches selecting a portion of a current document, by selecting jumpsite icons, at column 7, lines 29-36, where "by creating jumpsites by using the WebJumper tool, the user can drag related icons from the default directory, another directory, or from the WebJumper tool itself into other directories or icon catalog pages". In addition, Yohanan teaches that jumpsite icons can be attached to e-mail messages, at column 7, lines 37-40.

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to attach a portion of a current document to an e-mail message as taught

by Yohanan in the invention of Borman because it allows for immediate access to a designated web site.

Borman teaches that the attachment comprises a resource locator [claim 2] at column 7, lines 62-63, or source data [claim 3] associated with the current data resource at column 13, lines 32-38.

Borman teaches selecting an attachment type [claim 4] at column 12, lines 56-61.

Furthermore, Borman teaches that the attachment mechanism comprises a button [claim 5] with refresh/update button 326, at figure 3, and column 7, lines 17-19. As to claim 6, Borman teaches navigating to a first data resource, in browser window 406, using a resource locator, with hot-link 580, in a second data resource, in jumper window 300, all at figure 6.

Regarding claims 7-11, they are similar to claims 1, 4, 2, 3, and 6. Claims 12-16 correspond respectively to claims 7-11; while claims 17-19, 21, and 23 correspond to claims 1-3, 6, and 1.

As per claim 20, the first part is similar to claim 4, while the second part is taught by Borman with site window 404, at column 7, line 32, and at figure 5A, which allows a user to select the property value by entering the site location.

As to claim 22, Borman teaches the following:

a stack configured to contain resource locators of navigated data resources, with history creation process 712, at figure 7, and column 9, lines 40-42; and

one or more methods configured to browse navigated data by stepping forward or backward within the stack, at column 9, lines 43-56.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 7/10/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the Borman reference, applicant points out that Borman does not teach an "attachment mechanism capable of performing associated attachment operations". The examiner does not agree because Borman's jumper window 300 allows a user to "see all the hot-links on a given level and to select a hot link" at column 6, lines 41-46. Thus, the jumper window of Borman allows for retrieving an attachment from the browsing mechanism.

As to the Yohanan reference, applicant points out that Yohanan does not teach selecting a portion of a current document for attachment to an e-mail message. The examiner does not agree because Yohanan describes selection of jumpsite icons from a directory or icon catalog page, at column 7, lines 29-36, and attachment of the selected icons to an e-mail message, at column 37-42.

Examiner also disagrees that Yohanan teaches away from jumpsite icons containing "source data for the file associated with the URL" since a "user can readily access the web site specified by a given jumpsite icon" as described at column 9, lines 26-39.

For these reasons, claims 1-23 remain rejected.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

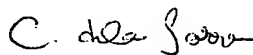
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Crescelle dela Torre whose telephone number is (703) 305-9782. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, from 8am-4pm, and on alternate Fridays, from 8am-3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for official communications; (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications; and (703) 746-7240 for non-official or draft communications.

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